

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting May 12, 2025

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on May 5, 2025.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Stuart Young at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stuart Young, Tom Brown, Carol Woodhouse, Jeff Perry, Krysta Austen

Members Excused: Korrine L'Hommedieu

Others present: Scott Anderson, Patty Dawson, Kim Bull

Community Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Time was allowed for Board members to read over the minutes from the April 21, 2025 meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 meeting as presented. All in favor. Carried.

School Report: Executive Direction Patty Dawson presented the report.

- The data dashboard is available in the drive.
- There are 81 students. April attendance was at 89.49%. There are a few chronic absentees which lowers the attendance rate.
- There have been no major staffing changes.

School Principal Scott Anderson reported on assessments

- iReady - overall there have been small improvements.
- Numbers of students who were two grades below level and one grade below level.
- Math showed a small improvement as well.
- Everything is moving in the right direction and making progress towards grade level.
- RTI - the numbers are steady. Evaluations for support are in place before retesting
- Three students who are not making progress have been discussed with their parents for possible learning disabilities. One student is too young to test at this time.

Mr. Anderson did a comparison between Truxton's students and students in the Cortland Enlarged City School District and the Homer Central School District.

Board Committee Reports:

Academic Committee Report

Jeff Perry reported that the Academic Committee met April 28, 2025 and those minutes are in the drive.

- Committee goals are being worked on.
- A process for IEP guidelines is needed. Scott has a draft started.
- Student assessment - trying to get more math information, improve data collection, data for teacher growth, and work to report consistency on observations.
- Will work on pulling more Science activity into classrooms. Foss modules being pulled into use and rural life lab.
- RTI showing strength. Multiple classes are more comfortable. Will be making changes so staff will be ready day one for next year by working over the summer.
- Personnel - there will be a gap to fill in 2nd grade and 5th/6th grades.
- The school will be working closer with home districts on how to process children who enroll at Truxton Academy with special needs. The home school district should provide all pertinent

information and Truxton will need to be proactive with the home district to plan how to meet the student's needs.

Finance Committee

Tom Brown reported. The Finance Committee's minutes are in the drive.

- There are two new hires for bookkeeper. Patti Walts is proficient in grant fund accounting and
- Keira Whitmore will be doing the payables. Both of them are working fractional hours.
- Balance information was shared and is still consistent.
- Budget was discussed by the whole Board. The current prospective budget is projected with 105 students. 97 students seems to be a more realistic and conservative goal.
- Cornell University has donated 20 computers to the school.
- A question was raised by a Board member on why there is no Art and Music in the budget. There are no teachers available, but going forward Art and Music will be offered through quarterly enrichment programs. Potentially, Art the first and third quarters and Music the second and fourth quarters.

Motion was made by Jeff Perry, seconded by Krysta Austen to hire Patti Walts and Keira Whitmore as fractional part time bookkeepers. All in favor. Carried.

Operation Committee

Tom Brown reported. The minutes of the meeting are in the drive. Tom mentioned that the community members are experts for this committee.

- The boiler has been shut down for the season.
- Jim Brown is on top of all repairs that are needed.
- The garden area is moving along.
- Technology got a boost through the donation of computers.
- Cafeteria - nothing specific needed at this time.
- There was a recent safety inspection and the school passed.
- Bids were received for the lawn care and snow plowing. Valley View Property (Harold Booth) came in as low bidder for the lawn. DJ Hartnett came in as low bidder for snow plowing.

Motion was made by Carol Woodhouse, seconded by Tom Brown to accept the bid from Valley View Property (Harold Booth) for lawn care and to accept the bid from DJ Hartnett for snow plowing for the 2025-2026 school year. All in favor. Carried.

Old Business

Board member Carol Woodhouse said that the teacher's appreciated the Board recognizing them during Teacher Appreciation week.

New Business

The Board needs to approve the 2025-2026 school year calendar. There will be two weeks off for the holiday break. There will be two days at the end of the school year for professional development and one and one-half weeks during the summer.

Carol Woodhouse stated that John from the Hiawatha would like to know when the teachers' last day is as he would like to do something for them. Patty will contact John.

Motion was made by Jeff Perry, seconded by Tom Brown, to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar as presented. All in favor. Carried.

Community Events

Events were reviewed.

The Gala is this Saturday, May 17. Patty is asking Board members to recruit people to attend. There will be gift baskets donated by local businesses and food and time to enjoy an evening out.

Thursday, May 15, 2025 Kathryn Connell-Espinosa from SUNY CSI will be visiting the school.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm by Jeff Perry, seconded by Krysta Austen. all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dawson
Recording Secretary